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1. The lease on the Nong Bhai lead mine near Kanchanaburi is in the name of the United Minerals Company, Ltd., which is owned by Khun Pradit Burakaran, W. N. Levitsky*, a Russian refugee, and Rak Panyarachun, Phibul's son-in-law.
2. The United Minerals Company is now in financial difficulties because of its wasteful mining methods. The lease on the Nong Bhai mine, which is in the Thai Government's restricted area (all Thailand north of Changwat Chumporn), originally provided for 15 percent of the output to go to the Thai Government. At the insistence of Premier Phibul the Thai Government's share of the output has recently been cut to 7.5 percent.
3. The Siamese Tin Syndicate, which is controlled by British capital, is now interested in taking over the property and is attempting to come to terms with the United Minerals Company.

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